



Cheryl A. Norman

May 25, 1951 - January 2, 2021

Cheryl A. Norman, 69, passed away January 2, 2021. She was born May 25, 1951 to Ethel Caldwell Norman and Gerald Norman. Cheryl worked for 32 years in the Columbus City Schools serving as an Art teacher, Cross Country and Swim coach and later as administrator ending her career as Principal of Whetstone High School.

Cheryl is survived by her husband, James Bailey, of Columbus, Ohio; her mother Ethel Norman, Columbus, Ohio and her Aunt, Dorothy Parish of Dover, Ohio; her cousin Jennifer Smith of Columbus, Ohio as well as numerous other family and friends living throughout Ohio

A memorial service for Cheryl is being planned for the fall, mostly likely at the Park of Roses.

If you wish to send a memorial gift, we request that a donation in Cheryl's name be made either to the Alzheimer's Association or to a dog rescue group of your choosing.

There will be a celebration of life gathering for Cheryl at 1:00 PM Saturday, October 2nd, 2021. It will be held at the Shelter-house at the foot of the hill in The Whetstone Park of Roses, 3901 N High St, Columbus, OH 43214.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering

OCT 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

Park of Roses Shelter House

3901 North High Street

Columbus, OH 43214

[https://www.columbus.gov/recreationandparks/parks/Park-of-Roses-\(Whetstone-Park\)/](https://www.columbus.gov/recreationandparks/parks/Park-of-Roses-(Whetstone-Park)/)

Tribute Wall



“ Cheryl A. Norman

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ Cheryl was the best- a great friend, colleague and confidant. She was always there when you needed advice, help, or just someone to listen. She certainly cannot be replaced but she will always be remembered. We were so lucky to be a part of her life. Thank you Jim, Ethel, and Tom for sharing her with us!
Christy and Steve

Steve Dickerson - July 15, 2021 at 12:56 AM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Cheryl's passing. My condolences to her family. I worked with her a number of years at Whetstone. Cheryl was a wonderful and caring person. She had a wonderful sense of humor...I can see her now looking at me over her glasses with a smile on her face. She will be missed by so many.

Marvella Dade - January 08, 2021 at 10:40 AM



“ I am so sorry that Cheryl is no longer with us. Jim I am sure you know better than any what a great person to know and to work with. What a great team we had at Whetstone during the time I was there as Athletic Director

Happy I got to know her

Bob Triano

Robert Triano - January 07, 2021 at 01:01 PM

NK

“ Please accept our condolences, Jim.

Ned and Sharon Kirby - January 07, 2021 at 09:48 AM

AM

“ Firstly, to the family, please accept my condolences. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

I have to admit that when I got the news about Cheryl's passing, it stunned me and it broke my heart. She is among the greatest encouragers and leaders I've ever known. Beginning with the time that she was a teacher up to becoming an administrator, she encouraged and supported me. Her insight was keen and her wisdom as an administrator was impeccable. She always went the extra mile for me. She made me feel valuable as a teacher and as a person. My favorite phrase from her is: "I gotta tell you...". A favorite memory is the time that we were checking the building after a play rehearsal. As we started walking in the boiler room to exit the building, I joked that Freddy Krueger was soon going to start scratching the wall and get us. Needless to say, we picked up the pace to get to the exit door.

Even after I retired, we kept in touch. She was especially uplifting and encouraging to me when I became a caretaker for my mother during her fight with Alzheimer's. I will certainly miss her presence and the opportunities to randomly surprise her with a phone call. I am so glad that I met her in this lifetime, and I cherish all the things that she did and said that has enriched my life.



Alvis James Moore - January 06, 2021 at 09:14 AM

DK

What a lovely memorial to her.

Dottie Kluesener - January 07, 2021 at 05:54 PM

DC

“ *Please accept my condolences. Mrs. Norman was a dear friend, coach, mentor and teacher throughout my journey of those teenage years. She never gave up on me, or stopped believing that I could not overcome any situation. Whether I was suspended or dealing with criminal charges she always gave me a smile and the words to continue my journey. This journey has led me to follow her footsteps and become a career educator. You see, I dream to one day impact a student the very way she impacted my life. To steer, to guide, to help a soul lost in space. Coach you have forever changed my life. Enjoy all of those “Stars in Heaven” for the impact you have made on so many lives.....*

Darin Castle

Darin Castle - January 06, 2021 at 08:13 AM

PW

Patricia Winkfield

I worked with Cheryl Norman for one year as an assistant principal before she retired. She was very welcoming to me as a new staff member. She had a very good reputation as an administrator and I had a very meaningful experience working with her. My condolences to the family and I wish you peace as you focus on fond memories.

Patricia Winkfield - January 06, 2021 at 11:38 AM

ND

“ *Ethyl, My heart aches for you. Cheryl was a beloved member of Troop 260 and I will never forget her. She will always be that young girl in my heart. My love and sympathy to you and her husband.*

Norma Dodge - January 05, 2021 at 10:46 AM

ME

“ *My deepest sympathies to my dear old Aunt Ethel.*

Mary Norman Eisel - January 05, 2021 at 09:47 AM

SH

“ *I'm so sorry to learn of Cheryl's passing. I have such fond memories. We were in school together at Sharon, Dominion, and graduated together from Whetstone in 1969. We lived just a few blocks away and spent many hours together in our growing up years. I have great memories of doing art in her basement, cutting each others hair and sewing a couple of dresses together. I knew her parents well, such wonderful people with a great sense of humor. Her Dad called me Sandy Tomato, still makes me smile thinking of those memories. Her folks got me a summer job in the same building they worked in and drove me to and from work each day. I am so truly sorry for your loss.*

Sandy Mader Holladay

Sandy Mader Holladay - January 05, 2021 at 09:39 AM

DT

“ *I am so saddened to hear of Cheryl's passing. My deepest sympathy to Jim (Mr. Bailey to me) and her family.*

David Taylor

David Taylor - January 05, 2021 at 09:00 AM

SS

“ I knew Mrs. Norman for four years while attending Whetstone HS. She was always very nice, professional, patient and fair; often times when she didn't have to be.

My thoughts are with her family and close friends as they reflect back on her wonderful life and the impact she had on so many people.

sswift

Steve Swift - January 05, 2021 at 07:03 AM

ML

“ I adored Cheryl's love for animals. I will never forget the time I was going to watch their dogs while she went on a cruise with her husband and mother.

She gave me a thick binder to read about the dogs. She told me to take the binder home and study it and call her wth questions! She was so organized and detailed oriented! I enjoyed her humor, sense of adventure and opinions! Myra 🙏



Myra Littleton - January 04, 2021 at 11:06 PM

SF

“ My condolences Cheryl's family, friends and loved ones. I was an art student with Cheryl at Whetstone and a student at OSU with Cheryl in the 1970s. She was a great friend to me then and I have remembered her fondly all of these years. I am saddened by her passing but wanted to leave a note and prayers for you all here.
Shary Chickerella Flory

sharyl Flory - January 04, 2021 at 09:52 PM